

REMARKS

The Examiner continues to reject claims 1-15 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Diffie in view of Szabo. Applicant's again traverse the rejection for the reasons presented in the previously filed response.

Additionally, the Examiner continues to fail to provide a reason why one having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the Diffie and Szabo references. In this regard, the Examiner merely states that "one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify the system for encryption of information for radio transmission and for authentication of subscribers by authenticating subscribers via subscriber identity mobile cards as taught by Szabo for accessing the radio network of the user group (see, Szabo, column 1, lines 60-65)."

Szabo, at col. 1, lines 60-65, simply discloses "whether the transmitted subscriber identification authorizes the subscriber to access the radio network." The fact that Szabo discloses authorization of a subscriber to access the radio network does not teach or suggest operation of the combined references, nor does it detail a reason why one having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the references. While the Examiner notes that a reference is sufficient "so long as it takes into account only knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made, and does not include knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure...", the Examiner must still cite to a reference that discloses such "knowledge." Otherwise, the Examiner is simply making conclusory statements of obviousness without any evidentiary support on the record, beyond the Examiner's own words. Again, the Examiner is kindly requested to cite a reference in support of his reasons for motivation or withdraw the rejection and allow the claims to pass to allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is

determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.449122016400. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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